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SUBJECT: GISCARD'S PROPOSED SPECIAL FUND FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA

REF: (A) ABIDJAN 0543; ALGIERS 0201

1. ON JANUARY 20 EMBASSY ECONOMIC MINISTER HAD A
GENERAL TALK WITH DUTET, ECONOMIC ADVISOR ON THE
ELYSEE STAFF. DUTET ACCOMPANIED GISCARD ON HIS VISIT
TO THE IVORY COAST. IN DISCUSSING THE VISIT, THE
QUESTION OF GISCARD'S PROPOSED SPECIAL FUND FOR AFRICAN
DEVELOPMENT CAME UP. DUTET SAID THAT IT IS THE SUGGES-
TION FIRST PUT FORWARD BY THE FRENCH IN MAY 1976. ON
THE DONOR SIDE IT WOULD INVOLVE BASICALLY THOSE WESTERN
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITH HISTORIC TIES TO AFRICA
(BELGIUM, FRANCE, FRG AND U.K.) PLUS THE U.S. THE
TOTAL AMOUNT ENVISAGED FOR THE FUND WOULD BE ONE BILLION
DOLLARS TO START WITH.

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2. INCIDENTALLY, DESPITE PRESS REPORTS
SUGGESTING THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD GIVEN GISCARD "A
FAVORABLE RESPONSE," (REF A), DUTET SAID THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT'S UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE PRESIDENT THOUGHT
GISCARD'S IDEA WAS INTERESTING AND DESERVED TO BE LOOKED
AT BUT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD DE NO COMMITMENT
("AUCUN ENGAGEMENT").

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